

shop for insurance with the subsidies we are going to give them, one of the options is not the insurance companies that said in this report they are going to raise rates 111 percent. That is it. That is what the big bogeyman is all about.

Let me show you this chart here to give you a sense for how unfrightening that concept would be. This is the \$2.6 trillion of money we spend every year on health care. \$2.6 trillion. I ask my colleagues, do you think we can do a little better for \$2.6 trillion. We are getting such a great bargain?

Well, let's take a look at this. These boxes here, Medicare, Medicaid, DOD, Veterans Affairs and Department of Health Services, are all single-payer, government-funded, government-administered health care plans. And every day I hear my Republican friends thumping their chest, you gotta protect the VA, you gotta protect Medicare.

Oh, yeah? But you don't want to extend it to the rest of the country. Why is that? What is the big fear? The fear is, they are in a wholly owned subsidiary of this group right here. This is the private insurance companies, the ones that wrote this report that says that rates are going to go up 111 percent.

Now, in this \$854 billion, do you know how much of that is profits and overhead? Take a guess. Up to 30 percent. And what some of us are saying is, if you want to find savings in the system, and you don't want to cut into health care, maybe it is a place to start. Can you do maybe with 10 percent? 12 percent? 15 percent? Up to 30 percent. That is savings that we can get right there. But we are trying to get savings using a free market model. Competition. Let's see if there is someone that can do it more efficiently than 30 percent overhead.

We know, for example, Medicare can do it with about 3.5 percent overhead. That is the public option, and my colleagues don't want them to have what they have, which is government-funded health care.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO PAUL BURKE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from California (Ms. WATSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, Hollywood has lost another star with the passing of Paul Burke at the age of 83. Paul Burke was best known for the role he played of Colonel Joe Gallagher in the TV series "Twelve O'Clock High." He was also known for winning two Emmy nominations for his role as Detective Adam Flint on the critically acclaimed New York cop drama "The Naked City."

Paul was born on July 21st, 1926, in New Orleans, son of prizefighter Martin Burke, who became a promoter and nightclub owner. While growing up, Burke's family owned the popular French Quarter nightclub and restaurant Marty Burke's.

After moving to Hollywood as a young man in the late 1940s, Burke studied acting at the Pasadena Playhouse for 2 years. Movie director Lloyd Bacon, a friend of Burke's father, got him his first role, an unaccredited bit part in the 1951 Betty Grable musical "Call Me Mister."

In addition to his wife of 30 years, Burke is survived by his three children from his first marriage, Paula Burke-Lopez, Paul Brian Burke, and Dina Burke-Shawkat; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The Hollywood community, his family, friends and colleagues will miss him and his contributions to the entertainment industry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK YANKEES ON THEIR VICTORY OVER THE MINNESOTA TWINS

(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, as the proud Representative who represents the district of the Minnesota Twins, I made an arrangement with my good friend JOE SERRANO about the outcome of the Minnesota Twins-Yankees series, and on October 11th, the New York Yankees defeated my beloved Minnesota Twins in the American League Division Series.

Before I begin, I made the agreement with Representative SERRANO with full expectation that the Twins would prevail. But that didn't happen. So keeping my word, I just want to come to,

quote-unquote, sing the praises of the Yankees. And, let me tell you, it is not going to be easy.

Ten times the Yankees and the Twins met this year, and ten times the Yankees were victorious. They were undoubtedly the better ball club this year, and I am sure that in the coming weeks, Joe Girardi will fulfill the promise he made when he picked his uniform number to bring the 27th championship to the Bronx.

Good luck to the Yankees. Congratulations. Your victory is further testimony to why you are the most storied baseball franchise in Major League Baseball.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SERGEANT MICKEY HUTCHENS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to remember the life and service of Sergeant Mickey Hutchens, a Winston-Salem police officer who passed away on Monday surrounded by friends and family at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Sergeant Hutchens is a North Carolina hero. He gave his life protecting the public from a dangerous criminal. Sergeant Hutchens was shot last week while pursuing an armed criminal in Winston-Salem. With his passing, the Winston-Salem community grieves the loss of one of its finest.

He faithfully served on the police force for 27 years, putting his life on the line each day that he showed up for work. We owe him and his family a deep debt of gratitude for the ultimate sacrifice that Sergeant Hutchens made for the public safety.

Police officers and public safety workers like him are the key to safe communities that are often taken for granted. Great tragedies, like Sergeant Hutchens' death, serve to remind us of the heroic work done each day by officers like him.

Sergeant Hutchens was more than just a faithful public servant. He was well-known as a man of impeccable character who was committed to maintaining his integrity at all costs. He was just the type of person you would want wearing the uniform of a police officer.

He lived a life dedicated not to just keeping his community safe, but also to his family and his church. He was a loving and dedicated father of two daughters, Jill and Leah, and a faithful, loving husband to his wife Beth. He was often found serving in his role as a deacon at Forbush Baptist Church.

Sergeant Hutchens left a noble legacy in his community. He lived to serve and protect others. His life is a true inspiration, and I pray that his death reminds us of the bravery and sacrifice of those keeping our streets safe each day.

Today, his family, friends and colleagues are in my thoughts and prayers

as they mourn the loss of a husband, father, brother, friend, fellow officer and a North Carolina hero. May they know God's comfort during this difficult time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. MCHENRY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HONORING THE HUMANITARIAN SERVICE OF ANN GLOAG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, a leading Scottish businesswoman and board member of the global charity Mercy Ships, Ann Gloag is being honored by the National Council of Women of the United States this evening at the United Nations as the inaugural recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Humanitarian Award in recognition of her humanitarian service in Africa.

The reason someone from east Texas would take note of this philanthropic humanitarian from Scotland is because she has done so much for Mercy Ships. It may surprise some that such an oceangoing charitable enterprise would have an international headquarters in my east Texas district, but it does, due to its founders.

Mercy Ships uses hospital ships to deliver free, world class health services to those without access in the developing world. Founded in 1978 by Don and Deyon Stephens, Mercy Ships has worked in more than 70 countries, providing life-saving and life-enhancing services to more than 2.16 million direct beneficiaries.

More than 1,200 crew work worldwide, representing more than 40 nations. They're joined each year by 2,000 short-term volunteers. Professionals, including surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, and agriculturists donate their time and skill to that effort. I've seen the results of the enormous charitable work this institution does, and it is gloriously moving.

As for the devoted Ms. Gloag, she has supported various charitable organizations, providing much needed medical care, housing, and education in Africa for over 30 years. In addition to establishing the Balcraig Foundation, the Gloag Foundation, and the Freedom from Fistula Foundation, Ms. Gloag has worked with Mercy Ships, includ-

ing the funding of the Africa Mercy Ship, the world's largest nongovernmental hospital ship providing free medical and humanitarian aid to the people of Africa.

Through partnerships in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Kenya, the Freedom from Fistula Foundation alone is providing free surgeries to more than 1,500 women this year. In her home of Scotland, Ms. Gloag has already been honored for her work with Mercy Ships and has worked with the Scottish Government to promote its international development work in Malawi, where Ms. Gloag has also helped to establish a hospital.

Named for the American civil rights activist who helped form the National Council of Women of the United States, the Susan B. Anthony Humanitarian Award will be conferred annually on individuals dedicated to making a difference in people's lives, communities, or state of the world.

Don Stephens, founder and president of Mercy Ships, comments, "Mercy Ships champions the selection of Scotland's Ann Gloag as the inaugural recipient of the Susan B. Anthony Humanitarian Award by the National Council of Women of the United States. Ann exemplifies a modern example of Andrew Carnegie, J.P. Morgan, and John D. Rockefeller, who almost delighted to use their wealth to assist the world's poorest. On board our new hospital ship Africa Mercy, I have personally observed Ann demonstrating her compassion for others at the bedsides of women and children who received a free surgery on the ship that she helped fund. In parts of Africa, health care infrastructure and delivery is non-existent. Ann enabled Mercy Ships to bring hope and healing where it is otherwise often not available. Ann has found a powerful way to share her blessings."

We must congratulate Ms. Gloag for caring so deeply and acting so generously, responsibly, and personally to make such a difference in the world. May God bless Ann Gloag as she has so richly blessed others around the world.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. FRANKS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FRANKS of Arizona addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. DEAL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. DEAL of Georgia addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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(Mr. POSEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. BACHMANN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. BACHMANN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT JOSHUA M. HARDT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to U.S. Army Sergeant Joshua M. Hardt of Applegate, California. He's one of the fallen heroes of the Battle of Kamdesh, that remote outpost that was besieged and surrounded and hopelessly outnumbered by more than 300 Taliban insurgents on October 3.

No soldiers in the history of our Nation have fought more valiantly or bravely than the defenders of Combat Outpost Keating on that day. In the end, they held their ground, they defended their flag and the honor of their country. But most importantly, they defended something that is fundamental and sacred and eternal, that defines humanity itself. They defended something that can never be abandoned as long as humanity exists. They defended right against wrong, good against evil, freedom against tyranny in its most stark and defining form.

During the terrible winter of 1776, Thomas Paine, having watched many brave young men like Josh Hardt fall in defense of these same eternal truths, offered these words to try to make some sense of it. He said, "Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated."

Joshua Hardt knew that, and his family knew that. Through her tears, his mother told a local newspaper, "He was a very giving son. He went into the Army wanting to make a difference . . . wanting us to be safe . . . He expressed his desire to do more, to take more action, and to make a difference. He didn't know a better way than to go into the military and to fight for everybody."

And that's exactly what he did. He fought for his Nation, he fought for his Nation's values, and he fought for the freedom of a people half a world away. And he paid for heaven's most expensive celestial article with his life, not for himself but for others.

I attended a Gold Star dinner recently, and I admitted to one the hosts that I still don't know what to say to the families. She said, well, just ask them about their sons.

So let me tell you a little bit about Josh Hardt. He was 24 years old. He's